

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1791 - SB 2022

February 9, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Supreme Court, by order or rule, to set all filing fees, costs, charges, and surcharges for documents filed with the appellate court clerks or the board of judicial conduct. Authorizes the appellate court clerk to charge a transaction, subscription, or other fee to users of the clerk's electronic filing system, once implemented. Designates all incremental fee revenue derived pursuant to the bill to the State Treasury earmarked for the operation of the state court system.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue –

Exceeds \$100,000/Earmarked for the State Court System

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-21-501 sets fixed fees that the appellate clerks may charge for various services. The bill gives the Supreme Court the authority to set these fees by court order or rule.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts is amidst the request for proposal process to design and implement an electronic filing system for the Tennessee appellate courts.
- The approximate cost for designing and implementing this system is \$325,000. The recurring cost for maintenance of the system is assumed to be \$100,000.
- It is assumed the Supreme Court will set the filing fees at an amount sufficient to recapture expenses incurred. As a result, the recurring increase in fee revenue to the State Treasury earmarked for the state court system is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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